

OF WHAT IS THE MAIDEN DREAMING?

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1. Of what is the maiden dream-ing, As she stands at the cot-tage door, And gaz-es far out in the
what is the maid-en dream-ing, As she sleeps in her lit-tle bed, And sheds fast tears of

dis-tance, O-ver the shing-ly shore? Of what is the maid-en dream-ing, As she walks on her way a-
sor-row? She thinks up-on the dead, She dreams of a man-ly fig-ure, With a face with dark eyes

lone,.... With a sad, sad look in her blue,.... eyes,.... As she
blue,.... How lov-ing and ten-der his heart,.... was,.... None,....

hears... the salt sea's moan,.... As she... hears... the salt sea's moan?...
but.... this maid-en knew,.... None,.... but.... this maid-en knew,....

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2. Of
3. The dream of that fear-ful morn-ing, When in a fright-ful storm, His boat sank down 'mid the

wa-ters, His life-less form was borne, By the dash-ing waves and the break-ers, And laid on the shingle

stone,.... And froz-en hence,.... and for-ev-er, The maid

en must be a-lone,.... The maid-en,.... must be a-lone,....

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THE BROTHER CLOTHED IN BLACK

A host that men call Christians met in a goodly land;
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And chosen leaders sat thereon whom lips of men had praised.
Then slowly from the rear there came, a burden on his back,
With humble mien, but hopeful look, a brother clothed in black.

"What doest thou here?" they asked him. Spoke he in accents clear,
"Thank God, I am a Christian, and came to worship here.

For many years I've followed the God of wondrous love;
Oftimes have I grown weary but strength came from above."

"You have no part with us," they said, "your name's not on our book."

"Tis on the Book of Heaven," quoth he, with joyful upward look.

"We cannot have you here at all," the leader gruffly said.

The black man's countenance was sad—he slowly bowed his head.

"For such as I Christ died," he said. Then to the leader's ear
A still small voice came whispering in accents low and clear.

"Reach out thy hand," the small voice. A louder voice cried,
"No!"

His face is black, his face black, though his heart be white as snow."

The outer covering fell off, and Lo! there was revealed

A form angelic and serene which the black skin had concealed.

The false ones stood condemned before this holy man of God;

And then from heaven there came a voice in tones of thunder loud:

"If of the Scribes and Pharisees, your goodness ne'er exceeds
The gates of heaven are closed to you though men may praise your deeds."

—E. J. Howell.

BLACK MAMMY

Let us raise a shining statue To Black Mammy and Uncle Mose
Who taught us gay white children How to put on our fine clothes,
And make mud pies and rabbit traps,
And how to sing and dance
When youth held every pleasure
And life was in a trance!

My heart beats back to childhood And that Blue Grass sunny land
When beaming old Black Mammy Held me by my trembling hand
And led me through the meadows In search of birds and flowers
Or held me in her loving arms Through sleepy, sunny hours!

And through the fearful Civil War That scarred our happy land
Black Mammy and dear Uncle Mose Stood by us hand in hand
Not knowing whether Blue or Gray Were really right or wrong
But doing every duty With the sweetness of a song!

Then rear on high a monument To truth and trust and love
And on it place Black Mammy With her spirit far above
And by her side old Mose must stand In laughing ebony hue
To glorify the picture Of a pair so fond and true!

—John A. Joyce.

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